

SEP 28 2001

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: IKEDA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/915643

Filed: July 26, 2001

Notice of  
Allow. Date:

n/a

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Docket: 12052.44US01

Batch No.: n/a

Due Date: November 5, 2001

Title: BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE, LINE ILLUMINATING DEVICE INCORPORATED WITH  
THE BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE AND CONTACT-TYPE IMAGE SENSOR  
INCORPORATED WITH THE LINE-ILLUMINATING DEVICE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 20, 2001.

By: *Peggy Kerkhove*  
Peggy Kerkhove

Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Certified copies of three Japanese applications, Serial No. 2000-232557, filed August 1, 2000, Serial No. 2000-240559, filed August 9, 2000 and Serial No. 2001-169298, filed June 5, 2001, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119
- Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Other: Submission of Missing Parts; Submission of Priority Documents; Notice to file Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
612.332.5300

By: *Curtis B. Hamre*  
Name: Curtis B. Hamre  
Reg. No.: 29,165  
CBH/pjk



S/N 09/915643



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: IKEDA, et al. Examiner: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/915643 Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: July 26, 2001 Docket No.: 12052.44US01  
Title: BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE, LINE-ILLUMINATING DEVICE  
INCORPORATED WITH THE BAR-SHAPED LIGHT GUIDE AND  
CONTACT-TYPE IMAGE SENSOR INCORPORATED WITH THE LINE-  
ILLUMINATING DEVICE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 20, 2001.

By: Peggy Kerkhove  
Name: Peggy Kerkhove

SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS

BOX MISSING PARTS  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed please find the originally signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$130 to cover the Missing Parts completion fee.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Dated: September 20, 2001

By Curtis B. Hamre  
Curtis B. Hamre  
Reg. No. 29,165



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



# 3  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/915,643	07/26/2001	Makoto Ikeda	12052.44US01

23552  
MERCHANT & GOULD PC  
P.O. BOX 2903  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-0903

**CONFIRMATION NO. 7982**  
**FORMALITIES LETTER**



\*OC00000006514208\*

Date Mailed: 09/05/2001

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

*A.T.*

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

10/01/2001 EEKUBAY1 00000015 09915643

01 FC:105

130.00 0P